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Media Alert

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This Saturday the Texas Veterans Commission Conducts a Veteran Entrepreneur and Business Growth Seminar

HOUSTON – This coming Saturday, the Texas Veterans Commission is conducting a Veteran Entrepreneur and Business Growth Seminar on November 10 from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. This event will take place at the United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77007.

The seminar is open to all Veterans, active duty personnel and their families wishing to start or expand their own business. Participating organizations will include the Texas Veterans Commission, Small Business Administration (SBA), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), and several lenders and organizations with expertise in starting and growing a business.

Seminar participants will receive information in the following areas:

- Business plan development
- Financial guidance
- Management & marketing assistance through mentorship
- Information regarding franchise opportunities

Speakers for this event include:

- Texas Representative John Davis from Houston, Chair of the Texas House Committee on Economics and Small Business Development
- Dan Moran, combat decorated Veteran who served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Infantry, founder of Moran Enterprises, Inc., serving as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner on the Texas Veterans Commission
- Ola Joseph, United States Navy Veteran, and bestselling author
- Bridget Ross, Small Business Lender for the PeopleFund, a non-profit 501(c)(3), Community Development Financial Institution
- Mark Winchester, Deputy District Director for the Houston District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force

• Elizabeth (Beth) Shapiro, Education Committee Chair of the Houston, Texas chapter of SCORE and winner of the 2012 SBA Counselor of the Year

Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services click here: http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx.